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CHILD PORNOGRAPHER SENTENCED

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that 29 year-old Craig Benjamin Feser of Austin, Texas was sentenced by United States District Judge Sam Sparks to 87 months in federal prison for possession of child pornography. Feser had also been making dozens of child pornography images available for download via the Limewire file-sharing network. He was also in possession of over 5,000 images and approximately 500 video movie files depicting children engaged in sexual conduct. Feser pled guilty on October 1, 2004.

On January 30, 2004, an investigator with the Office of the Texas Attorney General downloaded thirty-three visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct from a file-sharing account controlled by Feser. By making the thirty-three visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct available for download via the file-sharing network Feser would be able to receive other visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. Some of the material involved prepubescent minors and minors under the age of twelve years and involved material that portrays sadistic and masochistic conduct and other depictions of violence.

This case was investigated by the Texas Attorney General's Cypercrimes Unit. Special Assistant United States Attorney Grant Sparks is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

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